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6. (Amended) A method of construction of an elevated annular platform as claimed in claim 2 [or claim 3] wherein an end plate is secured to each of the ends of the side support means, and which end plate is secured to the respective inner or outer edging.

12. (Amended) A method of construction of an elevated annular platform as claimed in [either claim 7 or claim 10] claim 7 wherein each panel is made from a material selected from: concrete, concrete [fibre] fiber; other rigid fibrous material, and a combination thereof.

24. (Amended) [An] The annular elevated platform constructed by the method of claim [7] 23, wherein each side support means includes:

a section of flat bar which, in length, is less than or equal to the width of the platform, each bar being positioned on one radial side of the bail section;

a shear connector plate which is positioned in a vertical orientation along the one radial side of the bail section and connected to the respective bar;

a panel support bar which is positioned along the one radial side below the shear connector plate and, in cross-section, extending either side of the shear connector plate.

25. (Amended) [An] The annular elevated platform constructed by the method of claim [22] 24, wherein after the step of constructing the foundation, said method